sanctioned for new and ongoing projects to the State of Karnataka.

(e) Execution of the project is the responsibility of the State Government of Karnataka. Ministry of Tourism sanctions projects on the basis of proposals prioritised in consultation with them and selection of implementing agency is the responsibility of the State Government.

Impact of terrorism on tourism

828. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether increasing terrorist activity in the country is having a debilitating impact on the tourism;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) whether inflow of overseas tourists is dwindling day by day; and

(d) if so, what measuers are contemplated to make tourism industry safer?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) and (b) Though terrorist activities have, to some extent, affected tourism locally, they have not had an impact on overall tourism in the country.

(c) No, Sir. Details of foreign tourist arrivals to the country during the first six months and the first twenty days of July during the current year, as compared to the corresponding months of the previous year are given below:

Months	2005*	2006*	%change 2006/05
January	386260	444753	+15.14%
February	389081	428325	+10.09%
March	367068	407446	+11.0%
April	260825	325249	+24.7%
May	229172	262860	+14.7%
June	258822	286257	+10.6%
1st-20th July (at Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata & Chennai)	138051	152451	+10.4%

*Provisional

(d) Safety and security is a State subject. The Ministry of Tourism has advised the State Governments/UTs for deployment of Tourism Police to take adequate measures for the safety of tourists at all important tourist centres/destinations.

Deaths of tourists on sea beaches in Goa

829. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is increase in number of deaths, specially of tourists, taking place on the sea beaches of Goa;

(b) the number of such deaths reported in last three years;

(c) whether Government have issued any instructions and/or given any financial assistance to State Government to equip themselves with necessary mechanism to minimize such deaths; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Details for the last three years are as follows:

Year	No. of persons drowned
2003	72
2004	50
2005	44

(c) and (d) No proposal has been received from the State Government for financial assistance in this regard. Although the safety and security of tourists is a State subejct, the National Institute of Water Sports, Goa which is an autonomous society under the Ministry of Tourism, Government of India, has issued advisory safety norms in respect of general water sports, which includes scuba diving and river rafting. Advisory guidance has also been given to the State Government of Goa by India tourism, Mumbai.